HELSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ASPIRATION – AMBITION - ACHIEVEMENT

Key Stage 4 Options 2016









KS4 brings about many changes

- √ Choice
- ✓ New subjects and new types of GCSE
- ✓ Assessment through examinations, controlled assessments and portfolio work
- ✓ Students are expected to become increasingly independent learners
- Students need to manage their workload effectively
- ✓ Students need to start thinking about future careers and find out what skills and qualifications are required



In September 2016 new GCSEs will be taught in the following subjects:

English Language, English Literature, Mathematics and Science (Core subjects)

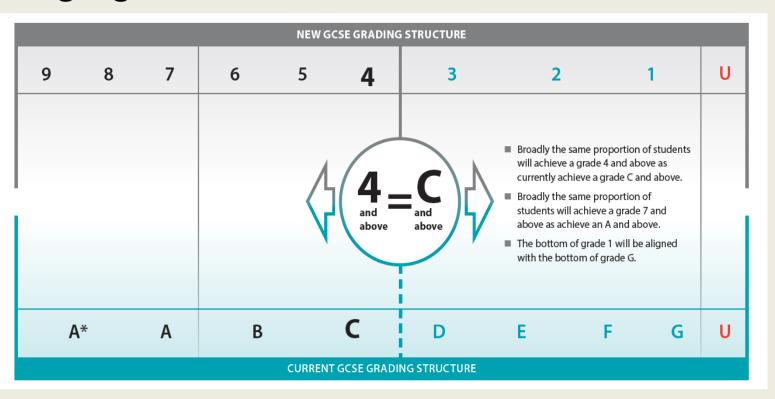
Computer Science, History, Geography, French and Spanish (EBacc subjects)

Art, Food Prep and Nutrition, Drama, Music and Physical Education (other optional subjects)

These GCSEs will be more demanding and require higher levels of literacy and numeracy to access the top grades.

New GCSEs

All assessment to take place at the end of a course and take the form of examinations in most subjects. Only maths, science and languages have tiers.





How will targets be set?

We will use a combination of KS2 data and current data

Band based on KS2	Current attainment	Grading expectations
Advanced Learner	Achieving 'Mastered' on most assessments	To achieve grade A or 7 in Y10 To achieve grade A* or 8/9 in Y11
Higher Learner	Achieving 'Extended' on most assessments	To achieve grade B or 6 in Y10 To achieve grade A/A* or 7/8 in Y11
Intermediate Learner	Achieving 'Secure' on most assessments	To achieve grade C or 4 in Y10 To achieve grade B/C or 5/6 in Y11
Foundation Learner	Achieving 'Approaching' on most assessments	To achieve grade D or 3 in Y10 To achieve grade C or 4 in Y11
Entry Level Learner	Achieve 'Developing' on most assessments	To achieve grade E or 2 in Y10 To achieve grade D or 3 in Y11
	on KS2 Advanced Learner Higher Learner Intermediate Learner Foundation Learner Entry Level	Advanced Achieving 'Mastered' on most assessments Higher Achieving 'Extended' on most assessments Intermediate Achieving 'Secure' on most assessments Foundation Achieving 'Approaching' on most assessments Entry Level Achieve 'Developing' on



The KS4 common core:

(Things all students still have to study)

- English Language and Literature
- Mathematics
- Combined Science (Double Award)
- RE
- P.E.
- Citizenship
- Sex and Relationship Education

Students also have to pick an additional EBacc subject as one of their options:

Geography, History, French, Spanish, Computer Science or Triple Science

Good performance in these subjects provides a secure foundation for future study and improves career prospects.



Common Core 7 GCSEs

Eng	lish Language & Literature	2
Math	nematics	1
Combined Science (Double Award) Triple Science takes up one Option		2
RE	(completed in Year 10)	1



(not examined)



Option A

Geography, History, French, Spanish,
Computer Science or Triple Science





Options









Common Core	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
English Language & Literature			Full	Full
Mathematics	EBacc	Full	GCSE	GCSE
Combined Science (Double Award)	GCSE	GCSE	Vocational course at level 1 spread over 2 options	
RE				
PE				

General Options (most students)

Full GCSE choices (4 from the following subjects)

Art: Fine Art, Textiles or Graphics,

Business Communication,

Computer Science,

D&T: Food and Nutrition

D&T: Engineering

D&T: Graphic Products

D&T: Resistant Materials.

Drama,

French,

Geography,

Health & Social Care,

History,

ICT - ECDL,

Media Studies,

Music

Physical Education,

Spanish,

Sport BTEC,

Triple Science.





Applied Options

There are a small number of these courses:

Construction (BTEC)

Hair & Beauty (City & Guilds)

These qualifications are suitable for Foundation and Entry Level learners achieving 'Beginning' and 'Developing' in their assessments.



Additional Guidance

Certain subjects should not be combined:

GCSE PE with BTEC Sport
Art subjects: Fine Art / Art Textiles / Art Graphics

Certain subjects have minimum entry requirements:

Triple Science – capable of Grade 6 and above GCSE P.E. – strong ability levels across several sports

We cannot guarantee that every subject opted for will be running. We also cannot guarantee that everyone will get all of their first choices.

Option A

Note

Options B, C & D

Write 1, 2, 3 and R in the box next to each subject choice to show your order of preference (R = Reserve choice)

	Tick one
Computing	
French	
Geography	
History	
Spanish	√
riple Science	

Art - Fine Art	R	•	*
Art & Design (graphics)			*
Art & Design (textiles)			*
Business Communications			
Computing			
D&T – Food and Nutrition			
D&T - Engineering			
D&T - Graphic Products			
D&T - Resistant Materials			
Drama	3		
French			
Geography	2		
Health & Social Care			
History			
ICT (ECDL)			
Media Studies	1		
Music			
Physical Education			**
Spanish			
Sport (BTEC)			**
Triple Science			l
Construction			#

Hair and Beauty

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Triple Science suitable for students currently achieving at the top end of Secure or above

Do not choose more than one Art option *
Do not choose more than one PE option **
indicates subjects which take up 2 options

Option A

Options B, C & D

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Computing	
French	
Geography	
History	
Spanish	
Friple Science	\checkmark

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Computing	
Food and Nutrition	D
D&T - Engineering	
Graphic Products	

Art & Design (textiles)		*
Business Communications		
Computing	1	
D&T – Food and Nutrition		
D&T - Engineering	3	
D&T - Graphic Products		
D&T - Resistant Materials	R	
Drama		
French		
Geography		
Health & Social Care		
History		
ICT (ECDL)		
Media Studies		
Music	2	
Physical Education		**
Spanish		
Sport (BTEC)		**
Triple Science		
Construction		#
Hair and Beauty		#

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Option A

Note

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Computing	
French	
Geography	\checkmark
History	
Spanish	
Triple Science	

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Computing

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Drama

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French Geography

Health & Social Care

History ICT (ECDL)

Media Studies

Music

Physical Education Spanish

Sport (BTEC)

Triple Science Construction

Hair and Beauty

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- What if an option is over or under-subscribed?
- What if I cannot have one of my options?
- All my teachers tell me I should do their subject....
- Will xxxx teacher take me for that subject?
- Will my friend be in my class?
- If I do not do Triple Science, will I still be able to do a Science A level?
- If I do not do a subject at KS4, can I do it at Post 16/ KS5?



Thank you for attending.

A wide range of teaching staff and members of SLT will be available in the Sports Hall to answer any questions you may have at this stage

Please contact us if you have any queries regarding the Option process